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SUBJ: BELGRADE NON-ALIGNED MEETING

1. SWISS "GUEST" AT NNA BELGRADE MEETING, AMB
ISELIN (THERE WERE ACTUALLY TWO SINCE AMB BRUNNER
ALSO ATTENDED), TOLD US AUG 4 THAT BELGRADE
SESSION WENT BETTER THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.
HE REPORTED INCIDENTALLY THAT BRITISH AMB HAD
CALLED "ON INSTRUCTIONS" TO TALK ABOUT AFRICAN
DEVELOPMENTS AT MEETING.

2. ISELIN SAID THAT DELS HAD FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE
TO RENEGE ON HAVANA AS SITE FOR NEXT NNA SINCE CHIEFS
OF STATE AND GOVTS HAD ALREADY AGREED TO MEETING
IN COLOMBO. MAIN QUESTION THEREFORE WAS ONE OF DATE
OF HAVANA MEETING BUT CAMBODIANS WERE EVEN UNWILLING
TO GO THAT FAR.

3. AFRICAN MODERATES HAD BEEN LED BY EGYPT, SOMAILIA,
ZAIRE AND MOROCCO. ISELIN THOUGHT THAT NIGERIANS
HAD ALSO PLAYED A MODERATING ROLE IN SESSION. HE
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COMMENDED INDIANS FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE; HOWEVER,
PRICE FOR MODERATION IN "POLITICAL" DOCUMENT HAD
BEEN PAID FOR IN SOMEWHAT MORE RADICAL "ECONOMIC"
DOCUMENT.

4. ISELIN THOUGHT MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT WAS
INCLUSION OF "HEGEMONISM" AMONG OTHER SINS SUCH AS

IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, NEO-COLONIALISM, ETC.
ALTHOUGH SWISS HAVE BEEN TOO THIN ON THE GROUND TO
ATTEND ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, HE WAS STRUCK BY
FRANKNESS AND HEAT OF DISCUSSIONS DURING THE COMMITTEE
MEETINGS WHICH, IN SWISS VIEW, AS HAD BEEN RELATED TO
THE PRESS, WERE NOT UNWELCOME IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

5. ISELIN GAVE SPECIAL CREDIT TO YUGOSLAVS IN
THEIR ROLE AS HOSTS. SINCE HOSTS WERE RESPONSIBLE
FOR INITIAL DRAFTS, YUGOS WERE ABLE TO GIVE THEM
A MODERATION WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
POSSIBLE. WHILE ISELIN DID NOT WISH TO OVER-EMPHASIZE
IMPORTANCE OF NEXT NNA MEETING, HE THOUGHT
THAT HAVING THE CUBANS AS HOSTS COULD GIVE A
VERY DIFFERENT CAST TO THE DELIBERATIONS.
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